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1. INCREASED FEE FOR INTERESTED PARTY TELEGRAMS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1 HAS CAUSED US TO RECONSIDER WHETHER TELEGRAMS SENT TO VERIFY IDENTITY AND PREVIOUS ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT IN LOST PASSPORT CASES IS IN INTEREST OF US GOVERNMENT OR WHETHER PASSPORT LOSER MUST PAY THIS FEE IN ADDITION TO PASSPORT FEE. IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY IN SEOUL AS IN MANY POSTS TO CHARGE FOR THIS TELEGRAM WHEN NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH NO REGULATION SPECIFICALLY REQUIRES IT. INCREASE IN COST TO 30 DOLLARS MAY BRING CHARGES OF DISCRIMINATION, SINCE TELEGRAM REQUIRED ONLY IN SOME CASES, ACCORDING TO JUDGMENT OF CONOFF. IT APPEARS TO US THAT SUCH A TELEGRAM IS IN INTEREST OF US GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE THAT NO PASSPORTS ARE ISSUED TO PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO THEM. POSSIBILITY OF USING POUCH FOR THESE COMMUNICATIONS IS REALLY NOT VIABLE ALTERNATIVE, SINCE VERY FEW APPLICANTS FOR EMERGENCY PASSPORTS CAN WAIT UP TO SIX WEEKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATED DEPARTMENT'S OPINION SOONEST.

2. WE ARE ALSO UNCERTAIN NOW UNDER WHICH TARIFF ITEM SHOULD BE CHARGED AUTHENTICATIONS OF KOREAN MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES: ITEM 13 (C) WHICH REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO
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MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS, OR ITEM 48 WHICH GENERALLY REFERS TO CERTIFYING TO OFFICIAL CHARACTER OF A FOREIGN NOTARY OR OTHER OFFICIAL. ALTHOUGH FEE IS SAME IN EITHER CASE, IF ITEM 48 IS APPLICABLE, IT WOULD BE NO-FEE FOR MOST MARRIAGE AUTHENTICATIONS IN SEOUL, SINCE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL PREDOMINATE IN SUCH CASES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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